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1. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU STATE 304414 WHICH ASKS SEVERAL
QUESTIONS ABOUT DR. ETAMAD'S CONVERSATIONS IN INDIA TO YOU.
IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF YOU WERE ABLE TO FIND SAME OCCASION TO
TALK WITH SETHNA ABOUT THE VISIT AND THE GENERAL PARAMETERS OF
FUTURE INDO-IRANIAN COOPERATION IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD.

2. YOU MAY RECALL THAT IN THE AFTERMATH OF CHAVAN'S VISIT
TO CAIRO LAST MAY, SETHNA ASSURED US THE "NUCLEAR COOPERATION"
WITH EGYPT DID NOT INCLUDE ANY SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY. WE
BELIEVE THE UNDERSTANDING WITH THE IRANIANS WOULD BE SIMILAR,
BUT YOU MIGHT WISH TO REVIEW THE EARLIER REPORTING AND ATTEMPT
TO DRAW SETHNA OUT ALONG THOSE LINES.
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